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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1L RE MOSCOW 618, BYKOV'S ANALYSIS OF THE CARTER TEAM
AND PROSPECTS FOR US-SOVIET RELATIONS WAS INTERESTING.
SUCH REPORTAGE IS USEFUL AND WOULD BE WELCOME ON OTHER
ISSUES AS THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, SUCH AS MIDDLE EAST,
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE HORN OF AFRICA. WE WOULD ALSO
LIKE DISCREET REPORTING OF SOVIET VIEWS ON CHEMICAL
WEAPONS, TEST BAN, AND NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS. ON THE
LATTER, OUR ADVICE TO BROWN REGARDING REPORTING CONTINUES
TO APPLY.

2. THANKS FOR THE BACKGROUND ON DAO'S SALT REPORT. THE
CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE AMBASSADOR ACCORD WITH OUR
STRONG FEELINGS THAT POLITICAL AND POL-MIL ANALYSIS
SHOULD COME IN THE AMBASSADOR'S NAME ONLY, AND THAT SALT IN
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PARTICULAR IS A SUBJECT THE EMBASSY SHOULD SPEAK TO WITH
ONE VOICE. WE FOUND NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE TO TAKE ISSUE
WITH IN THE REPORT, WHICH SIMPLY REPEATED INFORMATION WE

ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH AND DREW CONCLUSIONS LONG
SINCE COMMONPLACE HERE AND, WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT,
EVERYWHERE.

3. PERSONNEL IS MOVING TO PANEL FUERTH TO MOSCOW SO THAT MCNAMARA WOULD BE CHIEF OF EXTERNAL AND COMBS SECOND MAN. WE HAVE MADE APPROVING NOISES, BECAUSE THE IDEA STEMMED FROM US, BUT WE NEVER HEARD FROM YOU. ANY OBJECTIONS? WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH FUERTH, SO DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE HAS BEEN TOLD ABOUT ALL THIS.

4. FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

A. REGRET WE FAILED YOU ON LETTER PROJECT. THERE WILL BE ONE BUT IT WILL BE "MAILED." VIEW OF STAFF OVER THERE IS THAT SUCH A PRO FORMA LETTER (WE HAVE NOT SEEN TEXT, BUT I GATHER THEY DID NOT USE OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE) WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR YOUR PURPOSE. WE WILL NOW TRY FOR A LETTER FROM THE SUCCESSOR.

B. REGARDING YESTERDAY'S TELECON, JOURNALISTS STATE THAT OFFER WAS MADE BUT TURNED DOWN BY THE INDIVIDUAL. NO PRESS PLAY HERE YET.

5. FOR YOU AND AMBASSADOR ONLY, WE ARE MOVING INTO WHAT I HOPE WILL BE SATISFACTORY SEVENTH FLOOR ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING CONSULTANT WHO WILL BE HERE ONLY PART-TIME, SPENDING REST OF TIME IN HIS JOB AS DIRECTOR OF RUSSIAN INSTITUTE. HE WILL ADVISE THE CHIEF ON A FEW KEY ISSUES. WE WILL STAFF HIS INFORMATION FLOW AND KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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